



## **Recreational and Cooking Fire Regulations**

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Recreational fires and cooking fires are allowed in the City of Seattle providing that fire safety requirements are met, and that air quality conditions allow outdoor burning. Burning of trash, yard waste, or rubbish is prohibited.

### **Air Quality Regulations**

When air quality conditions are poor, **the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency** may enact a ban on both indoor and outdoor burning. To determine if an air quality burn ban is in effect, call 1-800-595-4341, or visit their web site at [www.pscleanair.org](http://www.pscleanair.org)

- ❑ The fire is not being conducted on public property where fires are prohibited, such as in a park or on school grounds. Fires in parks are only allowed where specifically authorized, and where appropriate burning receptacles are provided.
- ❑ No air quality burn ban is in effect.

### **Requirements for Recreational Fires (Seattle Fire Code)**

Fires for cooking, pleasure, religious, ceremonial or similar purposes are allowed providing the following requirements are met.

- ❑ The fire is not more than three feet in diameter and two feet in height.
- ❑ No trash, yard waste, rubbish, or paper products are being burned.
- ❑ The fire is located at least 25 feet from any wood structures or from other combustible material, such as dry grass, unless it is contained in a barbecue pit.
- ❑ Fire extinguishing equipment is readily available for use. This should include a shovel and two buckets of water, or a charged garden hose or fire extinguisher with a 4-A rating.
- ❑ The fire is continually attended by an adult until it is completely extinguished.

### **HAZARDOUS FIRES**

The Seattle Fire Code, Section, 1102.4.5, authorizes the Fire Department to require that a recreational fire immediately be extinguished if it constitutes a hazard.

### **When is a Permit Required?**

Fire Department permits are not required for recreational and cooking fires unless they exceed three feet in diameter and two feet in height. Fires larger than three feet by two feet require a permit from both the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and the Seattle Fire Department.

For additional information, contact the Special Events Section of the Fire Marshal's Office at 206-386-1450.